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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON FY 78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE FOR
TURKEY

REF: (A) ANKARA 4250 DTD 060930Z JUN 78, (B) STATE 113281
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1. WIRE SERVICE REPORT (REF A) REFERS TO ADMINISTRATION
PROPOSED DELETION OF DOLS 48 MILLION IN MAP RPT MAP FUNDS
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WHICH WERE ALLOCATED TO TURKEY BY FY 78 SECURITY ASSISTANCE
LEGISLATION TO COVER CONTINGENCY OF DCA APPROVAL. (OR
620 (X) REPEAL OR AMENDMENT.) AMOUNT WAS INCLUDED IN FY 78
APPROPRIATION BUT COULD NOT BE USED IN LIGHT OF SECTION
620(X).

2. ADMINISTRATION PROPOSALS FOR FY 79 INCLUDED PROPOSAL TO

STRIKE FY 1978 MAP ALLOCATION OF DOLS 48 MILLION TO TURKEY.
THIS WAS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO MAKE CLEAR THAT ADMINISTRATION DOES NOT INTEND TO FURNISH NEW MAP TO TURKEY AND CLARIFY PRECISELY WHAT WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO TURKEY SHOULD, SECTION 620(X) BE REPEALED, IN LIGHT OF ADMINISTRATION'S DECISION TO REQUEST NO MAP FOR EITHER GREECE OR TURKEY IN FY 79. (FYI: DOLS 48 MILLION FIGURE SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH MAP "PIPELINE" WHICH REPRESENTS MAP FOR WHICH FUNDS WERE OBLIGATED PRIOR TO EFFECTIVE DATE OF SECTION

620(X) AND WHICH HAS BEEN PREVENTED BY THAT SECTION FROM BEING FURNISHED TO TURKEY. END FYI).

3. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES FROM PRESS, EMBASSY MAY SAY:

(A) THERE IS NO REDUCTION IN FY 78 FMS FUNDS AUTHORIZED FOR TURKEY. THE ENTIRE DOLS 175 MILLION HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE.

(B) THERE HAS BEEN NO REDUCTION IN THE ADMINISTRATION'S FY 79 REQUEST (DOLS 175 MILLION FMS; DOLS 50 MILLION SSA) CURRENTLY BEFORE CONGRESS.

(C) AS PART OF ITS FY 79 PROPOSAL WHICH INCLUDED THE REQUEST TO REPEAL SECTION 620(X), IN ORDER TO AVOID CONFUSION AS TO WHAT SECURITY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE FURNISHED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO TURKEY UPON THAT REPEAL, THE ADMINISTRATION ASKED CONGRESS TO STRIKE THE FY 1978 ALLOCATION OF DOLS 48 MILLION IN MAP FOR TURKEY, WHICH HAD BEEN INTENDED TO MEET OBLIGATIONS WHICH WOULD HAVE ARISEN HAD THE US-TURKISH DCA COME INTO EFFECT IN FY 78. THE ADMINISTRATION REQUESTED THIS DELETION INASMUCH AS THE DOLS 48 MILLION MAP WOULD NOT BE REQUIRED IN FY 78 IN LIGHT OF THE JOINT USG AND GOT DECISION THAT CERTAIN MATTERS COVERED BY THAT AGREEMENT WOULD BE RENEGOTIATED. VANCE

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